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REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 20 - 49 are pending in the application. Claims 20 - 22, 24 - 27, 32, 34, and 35 have been allowed. Claims 20, 28 - 31, 33, and 36 - 49 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 23, 28 - 30, 33, 36, 42, 44 and 48 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

In the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, the Examiner objected to claims 23, 28, 29 - 31, 33, and 36 - 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner specifically pointed out the recitation of "at least one sensor" on line 3 of claim 23 as rendering the claim indefinite since it is unclear if the applicant is referring to the sensor as set forth above or is attempting to set forth another sensor in addition to the one set forth above. In addition, the Examiner specifically referred to the recitation of "the movable member" on line 11 of claim 36 as rendering the claim indefinite because it is unclear if the Applicant is referring to the movable closure set forth above or is attempting to set forth another member in addition to the one set forth above. It is submitted that these claims have been carefully reviewed and amended in order to provide proper antecedent basis while particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. It is submitted that these amendments place the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

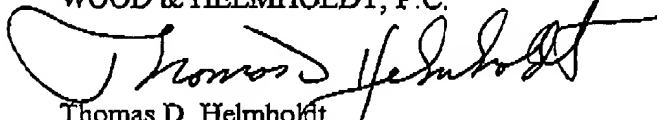
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If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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